



The University of Alabama

27th Student Senate

2022-2023

Agenda for February 2nd, 2023 Regular Session

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Secretary of the Senate

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Speaker Pro-temp

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Secretary Pro-temp

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Sam Akins

Chair, Student Affairs

John Richardson

Chair, Academic Affairs

Ellie Wiltanger

Chair, External Affairs

Xzarria Peterson

Chair, DEI

Jack Rudder

Chair, Rules

Ally-Anna Outlaw

Chair, Ethics

Bayley St. Clair

Parliamentarian

Carsyn Waldrop

Director of Initiatives

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- II. Announcements a. Capstone Creed and Mission Statement
- III. Old Business
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 - b. B-2-23 A BILL TO SUSTAIN TRANSPARENCY OF SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
 - c. C-1-23 A CONSUNATIONAL AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE TIMING OF THE STATE OF THE SCHOOL ADDRESS
 - d. A-2-23 AND ACT TO IMPLEMENT THREE FREE LITTLE LIBRARIES ON THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA CAMPUS
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 - d. R-2-23 A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR BLACK FACULTY AND STAFF ASSOCIATION AMBASSADORS TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR THEIR WORK
 - e. R-3-23 A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INCREASE IN EDUCATION ON DRUG AWARENESS AND HARM REDUCTION ON CAMPUS
 - f. R-4-23 A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE VIOLENT ACTS OF ANTISEMITISM ON THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA'S CAMPUS
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 - h. B-5-23 A BILL TO REQUIRE ELECTRONIC VOTING IN THE SENATE
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Bill B-1-23
The University of Alabama
27th Senate 2022-2023

Authors: Senator Sam Akins; Senator Johnny Foster

Sponsors: Speaker Geiger, Secretary Frazier

Endorsements: Madeline Martin, SGA President; Cameron Doyle, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Colin Marcum, Chief of Staff; Lauryn Parker, Vice President for Financial Affairs; Josie Schmitt, Executive Secretary

**A BILL TO ADD MONTHLY SENATE TABLING TO THE DUTIES
OF SENATORS IN THE CODE OF LAWS**

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association assembled.

Section 1. Findings:

- A. The Student Government Association is dedicated to ensuring senators are easily accessible to the student body.
- B. Students may find foreign environments such as the Student Government Association office to be intimidating.
- C. A large percentage of students are unfamiliar with their college's respective senators.
- D. To familiarize the student body with their Senators and increase engagement within the Student Government Association, we propose setting up monthly tabling in academic buildings across campus.

Section 2. Legislation: **changes in red**

Chapter 302 Duties of Senators

Chapter 302.8 Senate Tabling

Chapter 302.8.1 Senate Tabling will be conducted in various academic buildings where senators will greet and interact students as well as answer potential questions students may have.

Chapter 302.8.1 Senate Tabling will be held on a certain day during the first full week of each of the six full academic months. The Senate leadership along with the director of initiatives will be responsible for coordinating this event.

Chapter 302.8.2 Each Senator must attend two of these events during their respective term.

Chapter 302.8.3 Each event will be held in at least three different buildings across campus, at least one of which shall house a specific college.

Chapter 302.8.4 The buildings the event will be held in each month will be up to the discretion of the coordinators of the event.

Chapter 302.8.5 During each event, the building chosen to represent a specific college must have a Senator from that college present.

Section 3. Copies:

Copies of this bill shall be sent to Madeline Martin, SGA President; Josie Schmitt, SGA Executive Secretary; Caleb Thome, SGA Chief Justice; David Strickland, SGA Attorney General; Dr. Steven Hood, Interim Vice President for Student Life; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, Student Government Association Advisor; *The Crimson White* and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



Bill B-2-23

The University of Alabama

27th Senate 2022-2023

Authors: Senator Tyler Tannehill

Sponsors: Senator Elizabeth Prophet, Senator Xzarria Peterson, Senator Ragan Hope Wilson, Senator Myles Gollop

Endorsements:

A BILL TO SUSTAIN TRANSPARENCY OF SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association assembled.

Section 1. Findings:

- A. The intent of Student Government Association Senate Committees is to provide a thorough avenue for legislation to be reviewed and enhanced as well as transparency for students,
- B. There are no current requirements for chairs of Senate Committees to invite or notify Senators who author legislation that has been referred to the respective Senate Committee,
- C. Senators who author legislation have missed their chance to inform and provide clarity on to the respective Senate Committee,
- D. The general student body should be just as well-informed as authoring Senators if the Senate is to see optimal engagement with the Senate Committee processes.

Section 2. Legislation (changes in red):

Chapter 300.3 Committee Meetings

~~Chapter 300.4 Committees shall be limited to fifteen (15) minutes of meeting time at the beginning of each regular session of the senate.~~

Chapter 300.4 Committee chairs shall notify the sponsors of pending legislation within 24 hours after the respective Committee has decided upon a meeting time and place to consider committee business.

Chapter 300.4.1 Committees cannot decide on a meeting time that gives less than a 24-hour notice.

Section 3. Copies:

Copies of this bill shall be sent to Madeline Martin, SGA President; Angel Navarez-Lugo, Advisor; *The Crimson White*; and others as may deemed necessary at a later date.



Constitutional Amendment C-1-23

The University of Alabama

27th Senate 2022-2023

Authors: Madeline Martin, SGA President

Sponsors: Speaker Geiger, Secretary Frazier, Senator Akins, Senator Nangle, Senator Smalley, Senator Golden, Senator Howell, Senator Derisavi, Senator Outlaw, Senator Patrick, Senator Wilson, Senator Wiltanger, Senator Sims, Senator Harnage, Senator McLendon, Senator Baggett

Endorsements: Jack Steinmetz, Executive Vice President; Cameron Doyle, SGA Vice President for Academic Affairs; Lauryn Parker, SGA Vice President for Financial Affairs; Collier Dobbs, SGA Vice President for External Affairs; Josie Schmitt, SGA Executive Secretary; Izzy Boyd, SGA Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Luke Dille, Vice President for Student Affairs; Colin Marcum, SGA Chief of Staff;

A CONSUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE TIMING OF THE STATE OF THE SCHOOL ADDRESS

Section 1. Findings

The State of the School address is established to "take place on the 2nd Tuesday of November each year." This date falls on election day for many local, state, and national offices. With UA's large in-state population, this can create difficulties to leave campus to vote while also attending the State of the School event.

Furthermore, for those who want to watch the election results come in would either miss the State of the School Address or said elections results.

Therefore, the time has come to change the date of the State of the School Address to amplify opportunities for being a civilly engaged student and citizen. The updates are reflected in red.

Section 2. Constitution and Updates

Section 5: Executive Powers and Duties of the President. The President of the Student Government Association shall:

- A. Lead the SGA in achieving the objectives of this Constitution.
- B. Serve as chairperson of the Executive Council.
- C. Appoint the Chief of Staff within ten full class days of the beginning of his or her term of office.
- D. Notify the Senate, in writing, of any vacancies which may occur in the Executive Council or Executive Cabinet, within ten full class days of receiving notice of such vacancy. If the Senate by its adjournment prevents such notice, the notice shall be given at the first meeting of the Senate after its adjournment.
- E. Call special sessions of the Senate when deemed necessary.
- F. Reappoint any appointed officials of the executive branch who serve at the will of the President according to the provisions of Article IV, Section 4.
- G. Form new committees as needed and assign them to the appropriate executive branch officials.
- H. Serve as a member or an ex-officio member of all executive committees.
- I. Deliver the "State of the School Address" each semester.
 - 1. ~~The State of the School Address shall take place on the 2nd Tuesday of November each year.~~ The State of the School Address shall take place in January of each year.
- J. Possess a limited veto power.
 - 1. The SGA President shall exercise veto power as he or she sees fit over all Acts of Senate and Bills of Law passed by the Senate.
 - a. A veto of Acts of Senate and Bills of Law must be done within five full class days after the President's receipt of said legislation.
 - b. After five full class days following the President's initial receipt, all Acts of Senate and Bills of Laws will be considered passed with or without the President's signature unless vetoed.
 - 2. The SGA President shall not possess the right to exercise a line-item veto over all Acts of Senate and Bills of Law passed by the Senate.
 - 3. The SGA President shall not possess the right to exercise a veto or line-item veto on Resolutions passed by the Senate.
- K. Serve as chief liaison between the SGA and organizations internal and external to The University of Alabama.
- L. Serve as the student representative to The University of Alabama System Board of Trustees, or if unable to attend, ensure the Executive Vice President is able to attend.
- M. Schedule Executive Council meetings.
- N. Instruct the incoming SGA President on all matters pertaining to the office of President before leaving office.

Section 3. Ratification

This amendment will become law upon vote by 2/3rds vote of the SGA Senate and referendum of the student body.

Section 4. Legitimacy and Awareness

This amendment, if passed in the Senate by the appropriate margins, will be posted at least two (2) weeks in advance of the Spring SGA Elections on the SGA website for students to review.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this Act be sent to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Steven Hood, Vice-President for Student Life; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, The University of Alabama Student Government Advisor; Taryn Gieger, Speaker of the Senate; Caleb Thome, Chief Justice; Ansley Stamper, Chair of the SGA Elections Board; Dr. Kat Gillan, SGA Elections Board Advisor; *The Crimson White*; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



Act A-2-23
The University of Alabama
27th First Year Council 2022-2023

Author(s): Councilor Cassidy Matwiyoff, Senator Wiltanger

Sponsors: Councilor Anna Benetollo, Councilor Lise Badeaux, Councilor Bryce Holt, Councilor Jensyn Seay, Councilor Kameron Prim, Councilor Sarah McArthur, Councilor Harrison DeLong, Councilor Riley Pyron, Councilor Aydan Graham, Speaker Julianne Pharrams.

Endorsements: Secretary Frazier

**AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THREE LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES ON THE
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA CAMPUS**

Be it enacted by the First Year Council of the Student Government Association assembled.

Section 1. Findings:

1. *WHEREAS*, the University of Alabama is committed to furthering higher education and intellectual curiosity among its students; and
2. *WHEREAS*, the campus lacks a proximal, low-hassle location to exchange books in the event of a spontaneous desire to read or build rapport among students through an affinity for literature; and

3. *WHEREAS*, the library can prove as a hassle to sort through a vast array of books and meet a strict return date, lest one incurs fees; and
2. *WHEREAS*, through research, material and assembly costs suggest the Little Free Libraries project would cost roughly \$1500 for three pre-built libraries, which includes the trademark charter and rough installation fees.

Section 2. Legislation:

1. *THEREFORE, be it resolved*, that the First Year Council be dedicated to installing little free library boxes to be placed at accessible points on The University of Alabama campus, under the department of Academic Affairs, in an attempt to foster a love for reading and provide easy and free access to novels.
2. *Be it further resolved*, that members of the First Year Council will be encouraged to hold a book donation drive as their First Year Council Service Day project, recurring each year, for stories of all genres, levels, and backgrounds in order to contribute to the libraries.
3. *Be it further resolved*, that the author of this resolution corresponds with members from the cabinet of Academic Affairs to serve as “stewards” of the libraries going forward. Thus, there will be stewards continuously appointed by the cabinet of Academic Affairs.
4. *Be it further resolved*, that The University of Alabama Student Government Association allocates funding for this project and the required materials to assemble the structures.
5. *Be it further resolved*, that the cost for the Little Free Libraries, previously noted as \$1500

for three pre-built, will come from the Executive SGA budget, amendable for the expansion of the project.

6. *Be it further resolved*, that copies of this Act be sent to: Angel

Narvaez-Lugo, The University of Alabama Student Government Advisor; Cameron Doyle, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Lauryn Parker, Vice President for Financial Affairs; Bhavana Ravala, The Crimson White Editor-in-Chief; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



Bill B -3-23

The University of Alabama

First Year Council 2022-23

Authors: Councilor Bryce Holt, Senator John Richardson

Sponsors: Councilor Aydan Graham, Councilor Kyle Staus, Councilor Bree Hollis, Councilor Cassidy Matwiyoff, Councilor Harrison Delong, Councilor Riley Pyron, Councilor Luke Richardson,

Endorsements: Executive Vice President Jack Steinmetz

**A BILL TO INSTITUTE A PUBLIC RECORD OF FYC LEGISLATION PASSED
AND TO AMEND CODE OF LAWS CHAPTERS 202.1 AND 904.5**

Be It enacted by The First Year Council of The Student Government Association assembled

Section 1. Findings:

- Considering that The First Year Council acts as its own legislative body with the ability to influence and provide the opinion of the first year class.
- Seeing as there is no current mandate or outline, to record legislation passed by the first year council.
- Wishing to convey a sense of accountability towards the Student Body. It is imperative that SGA create a detailed online library of current and future legislation passed by The

First Year Council, that can be easily accessible by SGA members and members of the public.

Section 2. Legislation: **Changes in red**

Chapter 202.1 SGA Webmaster

Chapter 202.1.1 Qualifications

Chapter 202.1.1.1 The SGA Webmaster shall be a student at the University of Alabama who has clearly demonstrated an affinity for web programming and web page management.

Chapter 202.1.1.2 The SGA Webmaster must have completed at least six (6) hours of classes carrying the designation “CS,” at least three of which must include CS 202.

Chapter 202.1.2 The SGA Webmaster shall be selected by the Executive Council and approved by the Senate.

Chapter 202.1.3 Duties and Restrictions

Chapter 202.1.3.1 The SGA Webmaster shall weekly update the entire SGA website, and as deemed necessary by SGA Executive officers, to include (but not limited to):

Chapter 202.1.3.1.1 An events calendar

Chapter 202.1.3.1.2 New and current executive committee reports.

Chapter 202.1.3.1.3 New and current ~~Legislation~~ **Legislation by the Senate and First Year Council.**

Chapter 904.5 The Secretary of the First Year Council shall:

Chapter 904.5.1 Be elected from within the membership of the First Year Council by a majority vote, fifty percent plus one vote, of the First Year Council.

Chapter 904.5.2 Prepare legislation for First Year Councilors to review.

Chapter 904.5.3 Maintain a record of all proceedings of the First Year Councilors and attendance of its members.

Chapter 904.5.4 Maintain a record of all final copies of legislation passed by the First Year Council.

Chapter 904.5.5 Provide Copies of all legislation passed by the First Year Council to the SGA webmaster, to post FYC legislation on the SGA Website.

Section 3. Copies:

Copies of this bill will be sent to Alex Howard and Nick Tolbert, Co-Directors of First Year Council; Jack Steinmetz, Executive Vice President; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, Advisor; Clair Dubreuli, Director of Communications; Trinity Hunter, Press Secretary; Josie Schmitt, Executive Secretary; Sid Elkins, Director of IT and Webmaster; Bhavana Ravala, Editor-in-Chief, The Crimson White; Madeline Martin, President of SGA; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.

Section 4. Date of effect:

This bill will go into effect directly after passage into the code of laws.



B-4-23

**The University of Alabama
27th Senate 2022-2023**

Author: Senator Maria Derisavi

Sponsors: Senator Hannah Ford, Senator Kaleigh Shaw, Senator Lexi Sims, Senator Johnny Foster, Senator Karina Collins, Senator Wyatt Harnage, Senator Sam Akins, Senator Emma Fraley, Senator Morgan Patrick, Senator Ally-Anna Outlaw, Senator Tyler Tannehil, Senator Nico Boyd, Senator Elizabeth Prophet, Senator Ellie Wiltanger, Senator John Richardson, Senator Emilia Stuart, Senator Jennifer Baggett, Senator Keighan Nangle, Senator Judson Fair, Senator Olivia Frazier, Senator Athena Critides, Councilor Catharine Stockstill

Endorsements: Cameron Doyle, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Lauryn Parker, Vice President for Financial Affairs; Josie Schmitt, Executive Secretary; Luke Dille, Vice President for Student Affairs

**A BILL TO ENSURE THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT SENATE AND FACULTY
SENATE ARE INFORMED OF EACH OTHERS' ACTIVITIES THROUGH A
REGULAR LIAISON'S REPORT**

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association assembled.

Section 1. Findings:

- A. Many items of legislation created within the SGA Senate are subject to the Faculty Senate's approval to be implemented,
- B. Many items of legislation created within the Faculty Senate have direct impact on University of Alabama students,
- C. Knowledge on each others' activities as provided by a firsthand source would undoubtedly allow for more productive and collaborative conversation and action between the two legislative bodies,

- D. The SGA Executive Vice President acts as a formal liaison between the Faculty Senate and the SGA's legislative bodies,

Section 2. Legislation: **changes in red**

Chapter 201.2 The Executive Vice President

Chapter 201.2.1 The Executive Vice President shall assume the office of President if the President is unable to fulfill the duties of that office.

Chapter 201.2.2 The Executive Vice President shall serve as liaison between the Student Senate, First Year Council, and the Faculty Senate.

Chapter 201.2.2.1 The SGA Executive Vice President, acting as the Faculty Senate liaison, must update the SGA Senate, the First Year Council, and the Faculty Senate with each other's activities on a regular basis.

Chapter 201.2.2.2 In the event the SGA Executive Vice President is unable to attend Faculty Senate meetings, another member of the Executive Council or Executive Vice President Cabinet should assume the duties of the Faculty Senate liaison and report to the Student Senate and First Year Council accordingly.

Section 3. Copies:

Copies of this bill may be sent to: Madeleine Martin, SGA President; Jack Steinmetz, SGA Executive Vice President; Cameron Doyle, SGA Vice President for Academic Affairs; The 2022-2023 Faculty Senate; The 2022-2023 First Year Council; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, SGA Advisor; and *The Crimson White*.



R-1-23

The University of Alabama 27th Senate 2022-2023

Authors: Senator Xzarria Peterson

Sponsors: Senator Karina Collins, Senator Elizabeth Prophet, Senator Tyler Tannehill, Senator Ragan Wilson, Senator John Richardson, Senator Kieghan Nangle, Senator Garrett Kennedy, Senator Kiley Price, Senator Emilia Stuart

Endorsements: Madeline Martin, SGA President, Luke Dille, Vice President for Student Affairs

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE NEED TO
INCREASE STUDENT WORKER WAGES**

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association assembled.

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama follows the state-mandated minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour

WHEREAS, Student assistants and other student workers are only allowed to work a maximum of 20 hours per week due to other outside academic obligations

WHEREAS, Student employment opportunities offer jobs to about 2,500* students with the ability to balance classes with work, consistent hours, and the ability to assist with day-to-day occurrences and

WHEREAS, Emory University, announced its plan to close the gap in pay variations across its campus(\$9-\$12 depending on departments) by progressively raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour over the course of three years(2022-2024) and

WHEREAS, Emory University will now implement this pay increase for around 5,000 student employees through its Human Resources department rather than continuing the previous pay from each hiring department like the University of Alabama does and

WHEREAS, This implementation will cost Emory \$625,00-\$800,000 annually over the next few years as it is implemented

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama could potentially seek out increasing wages for student workers

THEREFORE, be it resolved, The University of Alabama Student Government Association encourages The University of Alabama as well as the Division of Financial Operation/Human Resources continues to work towards increasing student wages as well as curate a student worker pay scale that is readily available for future use.

Be it further resolved, that this resolution be considered for implementation as soon as possible.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this Resolution be sent to Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Steven Hood, Vice-President for Student Life; Matthew Fajack, Vice President for Finance and Operation; Dr. Steven Hood, Interim Vice President of Student Life; Bob Pierce, Vice President for Advancement, Angel Navarez-Lugo, University of Alabama Student Government Advisor; John McLendon, Financial Affairs Committee Chair, *The Crimson White*; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



Resolution R-2-23
The University of Alabama
27th Senate 2022-2023

Authors: Senator Elizabeth Prophet, Senator Karina Collins

Sponsors: Senator Ragan Hope Wilson, Senator Xzarria Peterson, Senator Garrett Kennedy, Senator Tyler Tannehill

Endorsements: SGA President, Madeline Martin; Vice President for Student Affairs, Luke Dille; Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Izzy Boyd

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR BLACK FACULTY AND STAFF ASSOCIATION
AMBASSADORS TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR THEIR WORK**

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association assembled.

WHEREAS, The objective of the Black Faculty and Staff Association (BFSA) Ambassadors is to create an official student organization that is intended to further enhance the relationship between the Black Faculty and Staff Association and the Black student body

WHEREAS, The BFSA Ambassadors are divided between four committees, Campus and Community Outreach Committee, Social Media Committee, Tour Committee, and Program Committee

WHEREAS, The Tour Committee is responsible for scheduling, training, and providing the Hallowed Grounds Tours while maintaining its historical context, integrity, and accuracy through the research of Dr. Hilary Green and other scholarly contributors.

WHEREAS, The Hallowed Grounds Tour is a walking campus tour that is the result of Dr. Green's research on the history of slavery at the University of Alabama and is roughly 45 minutes to an hour long

WHEREAS, The BFSA Ambassadors Hallowed Grounds Tour was recently added to the SGA DEI Passport Program, ultimately making the Hallowed Grounds tour a year-round offering. Since this was adopted in October, the Black Faculty and Staff Ambassadors have given well over 25 tours to our student body, faculty, and staff over two weeks each month. During Black History Month, the tour is offered every week throughout February

WHEREAS, The Hallowed Grounds Tour positively impacts the student body and campus community by providing accurate, in-depth knowledge of our University's history and furthers efforts of diversity, equity, and inclusion

THEREFORE, be it resolved, That the 27th Student Senate of the Student Government Association urges the University of Alabama to compensate BFSA Tour Ambassadors for their work in conducting the Hallowed Grounds Tour.

Be it further resolved, That the University of Alabama administration provides the Black Faculty and Staff Association Ambassadors with the resources and support necessary to ensure the Hallowed Grounds Tour remains a permanent offering for years to come

Be it further resolved, That the University of Alabama administration enacts these changes as quickly as possible after adoption

Be it further resolved, that copies of this Resolution be sent to Madeline Martin, SGA President; Angel Navarez-Lugo, Advisor; Dr. Steven Hood, Vice President for Student Life; Dr. Stuart Bell, President; Dr. G. Christine Taylor, Vice President and Associate Provost for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; The Crimson White; and others as deemed necessary at a later date



Resolution R-3-22
The University of Alabama 27th
Senate 2022-2023

Author: Senator Karina Collins

Sponsors: Senator Athena Critides, Senator Ragan Hope Wilson, Senator Xzarria Peterson, Senator Maria Derisavi, Senator Elizabeth Prophet, Senator Tyler Tannehill, Senator Ellie Wiltanger, Senator Morgan Patrick

Endorsements: The University of Alabama Students for Sensible Drug Policy; SGA President, Madeline Martin Vice President for Academic Affairs, Cameron Doyle; Vice President for Student Affairs, Luke Dille; Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Izzy Boyd; Alpha Rho Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society; Tide Against Time; Program and Assessment Coordinator of Addiction and Recovery Studies, Dr. Tricia Witte; Director of the Center for Substance Use Research and Related Conditions, Dr. Mercy Mumba; Assistant Director of Clinical Services at the Collegiate Recovery and Intervention Services Kelly Miller

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INCREASE IN EDUCATION ON DRUG
AWARENESS AND HARM REDUCTION ON CAMPUS**

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association assembled,

WHEREAS, The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime offers a definition of peer-education as “the use of same age or same background educators to convey educational messages to a target group... Peer educators work by endorsing ‘healthy’ norms, beliefs and behaviors within their own peer group or community and challenging those who are ‘unhealthy’”; and

WHEREAS, The UNODC also states that “when done appropriately, peer education can be one of the most effective and empowering methods of working with young people across a range of social issues like drug prevention, youth health, crime and violence”; and

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama’s Project Health, under the Health Promotion and Wellness Division of Student Life, is “the go-to source of health education information on the University of Alabama campus by actively engaging ourselves and the campus community in health and wellness programming”; and

WHEREAS, Project Health’s website includes pages for students to explore various “Wellness Topics”; and

WHEREAS, Under the wellness topic page titled “Drugs”, there are three (3) introductory paragraphs, which provide broad generalizations of controlled substances and promote abstinence, diminishing the effectiveness of a peer-education program; and

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama, through Project Health, the Office of Student Conduct, and the Collegiate Recovery and Intervention Services, offer drug education trainings on alcohol, nicotine/tobacco, and prescription drugs, but is lacking in education on substances such as opioids, stimulants, and other controlled drugs; and

WHEREAS, Given the substance use patterns of young people and college students in America, the nationwide rise in opioid-related deaths, and the disproportionate prescribing rates of opioids and benzodiazepines in the state of Alabama, it is important for UA to educate students on substances they might encounter in a manner that neither condemns nor condones drug use and emphasizes understanding and safety.

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that The University of Alabama Health Promotion and Wellness Department provides more comprehensive peer-based drug education through Project Health.

Be it further resolved, The University of Alabama supports efforts of student organizations to provide independent drug education and training.

Be it further resolved, The University of Alabama works with the Center of Substance Use Research and The Collegiate Recovery and Intervention Services to create educational modules or programs surrounding drug awareness and harm reduction that are accessible to all students and faculty.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this Resolution be sent to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Steven Hood, Interim Vice President of Student Life; Angel Navarez-Lugo, SGA Advisor; Madeline Martin, SGA President; Luke Dille, SGA Vice President of Student Affairs; Dr. Stacey Jones, Dean of Students; Dr. Mercy Mumba, Director of the Center for Substance Use Research and Related Conditions; Dr. Tricia Witte, Program and Assessment Coordinator for Addiction and Recovery Studies; The Crimson White; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.



Resolution R-4-23
The University of Alabama
27th Senate 2022-2023

Authors: Senator Elizabeth Prophet, Senator Myles Gollop, Senator Tyler Tannehill

Sponsors: Secretary Olivia Frazier, Senator Ragan Hope Wilson, Senator Xzarria Peterson, Senator Karina Collins, Senator John Richardson, Senator Wyatt Harnage, Senator John McLendon, Senator Hunter Howell, Senator Garrett Kennedy, Senator Jennifer Baggett, Senator Ally-Anna Outlaw, Senator Tyler Zuspahn, Senator Sarah Kate Smalley

Endorsements:

**A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE VIOLENT ACTS OF ANTISEMITISM ON THE
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA'S CAMPUS**

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association assembled.

WHEREAS, On January 26th chalk vandalism was discovered across campus, including multiple locations on the Quad and in front of academic buildings, that included antisemitic remarks referencing Kanye West

WHEREAS, These messages were intended to inflict fear upon and spread hate toward Jewish students on campus and disregard the mission and values of The University of Alabama

WHEREAS, This University nor Student Government Association tolerates hate towards any student or student group in any form

THEREFORE, be it resolved, That the University of Alabama 27th Student Senate of the Student Government Association adamantly opposes all forms of antisemitism on or off this campus

Be it further resolved, That the 27th Student Senate stands firmly with Jewish students against all forms of hate and advocates for increased protection and celebration of Jewish students and organizations on campus

Be it further resolved, that copies of this Resolution be sent to Madeline Martin, SGA President; Angel Navarez-Lugo, Advisor; Dr. Steven Hood, Vice President for Student Life; Dr. Stuart Bell, President; Dr. G. Christine Taylor, Vice President and Associate Provost for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; The Crimson White; and others as deemed necessary at a later date



Act A-3-23
The University of Alabama
27th Senate 2022-2023

Author(s): Julianne Pharrams

Sponsors: Councilor Aydan Graham, Councilor Kyle Staus, Councilor Bree Hollis, Councilor Harrison DeLong, Councilor Cassidy Matwiyoff, Councilor Reagan Wells, Councilor Cathy Stockstill, Councilor Sarah Clevenger, Councilor Lucy Bonhaus, Councilor Sarah Mcarthur, Councilor Jensyn Seay, Councilor Katherine Gray, Councilor Anna Benetello, Councilor Kameron Prim

Endorsements: Director of Communications Claire Dubreil, Chief Justice Caleb Thome, Senator Ellie Wiltanger

An Act to Implement Meet FYC Day

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association assembled.

WHEREAS,

Members of the First Year Council are selected by already existing members of the SGA as opposed to selected by the general UA population, and the

freshman class especially, many freshmen are either unaware they have representation on campus or unfamiliar with what that representation may be. As such it is the job of the First Year Council to ensure their constituents are aware and informed of their existence and their methods of operation.

THEREFORE, be it resolved, a Meet FYC Day should be implemented during the first semester of each new school year. On this day members of FYC will table outside of the respective dorms they represent. A Bama Asks QR code will be displayed for students to scan and communicate concerns and initiatives they find imperative. Students will be able to speak with the members of FYC who represent them as well as ask them questions and voice concerns. Be it further resolved, that copies of this Resolution be sent to: Copies of this bill will be sent to Alex Howard and Nick Tolbert, Co-Directors of the First Year Council; Jack Steinmetz, Executive Vice President; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, Advisor; Collier Dobbs, Vice President for External Affairs; Luke Dille, Vice President for Student Affairs; Josie Schmitt, Executive Secretary; Bhavana Ravala, Editor-in-Chief, The Crimson White; Madeline Martin, President of SGA; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date



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The University of Alabama

27th Senate 2022-2023

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Endorsements:

A BILL TO REQUIRE ELECTRONIC VOTING IN THE SENATE

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association assembled.

Section 1. Findings:

- A. Only roll call votes are provided to student media organizations concerning the individual vote of a senator,
- B. Several senators have individually committed to sharing their voting records with the public,
- C. Electronic voting is vital for democratic governance,
- D. Electronic voting is virtually reflected in all democratic countries' governments, state governments across the United States, in some shape or form,
- E. In pursuit of transparency, all branches of the Student Government Association must openly inform of their actions to all students in the most expedited and effective means possible.

Section 2. Legislation (changes in red**):**

Chapter 201. The Secretary of the Senate

Chapter 201.1 The Secretary of the Senate shall submit all roll call vote results **and all electronically recorded votes**, along with the corresponding Yea/Nay/Abstention vote of each present senator, to The Crimson White Media Group, WVUA, and any other registered student

media organization that submits a request prior to or in the day following each respective senate meeting or special session. This task shall be completed within 5 calendar days following each meeting of the senate.

Chapter 201.4 The Secretary of the Senate shall construct ballots that will be available to senators and proxies when electronic voting is conducted.

Chapter 300 Committees

Chapter 300.1.4 The Rules Committee's duties shall include but are not limited to:

Chapter 300.1.4.4. Reviewing the current and available methods of recording electronic votes cast by senators.

Chapter 501 Special Rules of the Senate

Chapter 501.6 Proxies

Chapter 501.6.3 A proxy shall be able to vote on all business before the Senate in place of the Senator they are representing, including voting on all legislation, motions, and confirmations.

Chapter 501.6.3.3 A proxy shall have their vote included at any time an electronic vote is conducted.

Chapter 501.9 Electronic Voting

Chapter 501.9.1. The vote or abstention of a senator shall be electronically recorded when considering legislation at senate meetings.

Chapter 501.9.1.1 Electronically recorded votes include a vote or abstention on bills, acts, resolutions, and constitutional amendments.

Chapter 501.9.2. The vote or abstention of a senator shall be electronically recorded when considering confirmations.

Chapter 501.9.3 A senator or proxy who is unable to cast their electronic vote due to technical difficulties may have their vote individually recorded at the discretion of the Speaker of the Senate.

Chapter 501.9.4 A senator may not cast an electronic vote if they are not present at the senate meeting.

Chapter 501.9.5 The Senate shall use Microsoft Forms to conduct electronic voting at senate meetings.

Chapter 501.9.6 In the case that roll call votes are mandated, electronic voting will not apply nor supersede that rule that mandates a roll call vote.

Chapter 501.9.7 All clauses concerning electronic voting do not apply or have any effect if the method for conducting electronic voting is not available or provided to students by The University of Alabama.

Chapter 501.9.8 All clauses concerning electronic voting will go into effect at the beginning of the first Senate meeting of the 28th Senate.

Section 3. Copies:

Copies of this bill shall be sent to Madeline Martin, SGA President; Angel Navarez-Lugo, Advisor; *The Crimson White*; and others as may deemed necessary at a later date.